Common Core Chromebooks

Collaborative Classroom Grant Application

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Application Form

Report Fields

Project Name*
Name of Project

Common Core Chromebooks

Amount Requested
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$3,500.00

Grade Level
Program Area of Request

Middle School (7-8)

Primary Subject Area
Please choose the primary subject area.

Language Arts

School
Please select your school.

Will James Middle School

Applicants*
Please list the educators collaborating on this grant.

Kristy Lensing
Jane Manley

Number of Students Served
Please enter the number of students that will be served by this grant.

280

Project Cost
What is the total cost of your project?

9560

Statement of Need

Please describe the need for this project. For example, how will this project impact student learning?

Will James is currently serving 680 students. With the demands of Common Core being implemented, we believe that our department could greatly benefit from our own mobile lab. The demand for technology in the classroom is increasing, and the time that we can use the other labs in school is becoming harder to schedule all the time. We believe that a shared mobile lab would make it easier for the writing process, research based projects, and non fiction websites that mirror what the Common Core is asking from us.

The English department would be using the Common Core Chromebooks for writing expository essays, narratives, and persuasive essays. The students will also use them to become more adept at publishing quality essays and research-based projects.

Our English department would also be able to use the Chromebook lab to provide our students access to free online programs such as Newsela.com. This particular program allows students the opportunity to read non-fiction current event articles on science, money, law, health and arts. After reading an article, students are then tested on their comprehension and understanding of the material. Teachers are then provided with instant information on their students progress. This aligns with Common Core, as 75% of what our students are reading needs to be non fiction.

In addition to Newsela, or students would have daily access to other programs such as Whyville, Book Adventure, Bookwink, Read Print and Book Builder. These programs in particular encourage students to read and write every day!

Primary Goal

Please describe the primary goal of the project and how it blends with School District 2 goals and curriculum.

The primary goal of our Common Core with Chromebooks project is to allow our students the opportunity to implement and support the skills they learn in the classroom using technology. This aligns with School District 2's goal of using technology within the classroom and the Common Core ELA requirements.

Project Description

Briefly identify the major activities and materials involved in your project.

We will be purchasing a mobile lab of 30 Chromebooks, a mobile cart, and working in conjunction with our school tech to obtain a printer.

Professional Development

If your project includes professional development how will it improve student performance?

No professional development is needed.

Project Timeline

When will you implement your project?

We will begin to implement this project by fall of 2014.

Plan for Evaluation

How will you evaluate student outcomes for your project?

Our evaluation of this project will come in many forms. Smarter Balance is asking for our students to be able to convey their thoughts in writing more than ever before. This lab will provide more daily writing and research opportunities that will only increase our scores. We will also be assessing the different projects that are created by students from this lab.

Project Budget

Please explain how the funds from this grant will be spent to support your project goal. You can either type or upload a project budget to show how funds will be used. Please identify other funding sources if applicable.

30 Chromebooks @ $272.00 per unit = $8160
1 Mobile Lab Cart =$1,400

We are hoping that our technology budget can help offset the total cost of the lab. Otherwise, we will purchase as many Chromebooks as we can this year, and continue to build our lab in the coming years.

Supervisor Approval*

I have received approval from my supervisor to apply for this grant.

yes

Attachment 1

Please attach any photos, pages from catalogs, or other documents below. This is completely optional.

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Attachment 2

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Attachment 3

File Attachment Summary

Applicant File Uploads

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